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Prezza raps Blunko

EMBATTLED David Blunkett's attempt to cling onto his job suffered another blow yesterday as John Prescott branded him "arrogant". The Deputy PM's outburst revealed the depths of Cabinet anger at the Home Secretary.

Mr Blunkett took the criticism on the chin and admitted he was arrogant. But the attack left

■ by MACER HALL
Political Editor

the troubled Home Secretary more isolated than ever with only Tony Blair staying loyal.

Mr Blunkett, in turmoil over his love life and allegations of abusing his position, has infuriated Labour colleagues by slagging off virtually the entire Cabinet for a book.

He branded Mr Prescott "grumpy" in the unprecedented tirade, while calling other Ministers "weak" and "soft".

Speaking for the first time about the string of insults yesterday, Mr Prescott said: "The whole issue of judgment on Cabinet colleagues has come about because of an element of personal arrogance."

Prezza also blamed the drive for book sales for the sensational row.

Humiliated Mr Blunkett was contrite about slagging off his colleagues last night.

His spokesman said: "This is perfectly fair comment, which David entirely accepts."

MISERY OF 100,000 HOMELESS FAMILIES



TIDE: Tony Blair

THE number of homeless families has doubled under Labour to 100,000.

Soaring house prices and the sell-off of thousands of council houses are being blamed for the crisis.

Last night, charities branded as "appalling" the rising tide of homelessness since Tony Blair came to power in 1997.

Figures from John Prescott's Office of the Deputy Prime Minister showed that 99,380 homeless families have been

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in temporary housing over the last three months.

Adam Sampson, of homeless charity Shelter, said: "This is an appalling watershed for homeless families trapped in temporary accommodation."

"It is a scandal that 100,000 households, many of them families with children, are facing Christmas in temporary accommodation, with devastating effects on their health,

education and prospects." And Shaks Ghosh, of charity Crisis, said: "These new figures are shocking."

A spokesman for the Deputy PM's office said most were in "good quality" temporary housing.

He added: "Reducing the numbers in temporary accommodation is a major priority for the Government."

Mr Prescott said: "We have reduced rough sleeping and people put into bed and breakfast."

Last night, Mr Prescott

announced an extra £150 million to improve hostels for homeless people.

■ MORE than 100 MPs could be slashed from the House of Commons under a radical Tory plan.

The move, being lined up for the Conservative election manifesto, could save around £25m of taxpayers' cash.

Tories say many voters are fed up with the rising cost of professional politicians.

They want to reduce the numbers at Westminster from 659 to 550.

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Sick dad's Dunblane terror ban

■ by JERRY LAWTON

■ A DAD who sparked fears of a Dunblane-style massacre was banned from his own son's school yesterday.

Anthony Gatenby, 38, forced the primary to shut, threatening to return with a gun following a bust up with headmaster Jim Green.

The pair fell out after Gatenby accepted an "innocent" peck on the cheek from a four-year-old girl when he collected his boy.

But Mr Green heard about it and warned it was inappropriate. Unemployed decorator Gatenby then threatened to return to Haydn Road Primary in Sherwood, Nottingham, with guns and shoot Mr Green.

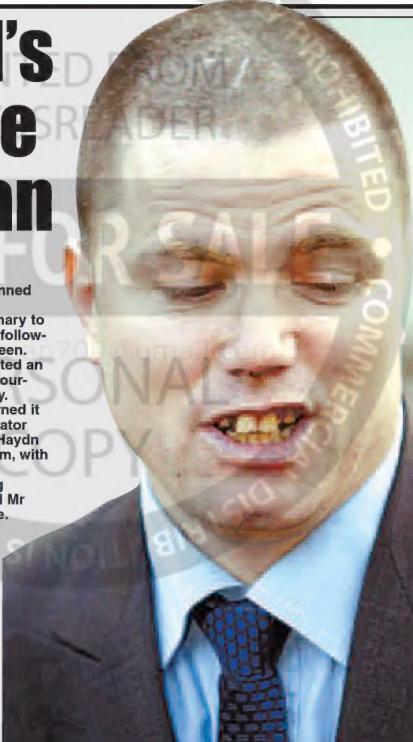
Then, in a later series of terrifying anonymous emails, he threatened Mr Green with a Dunblane-style massacre.

Yesterday Gatenby was convicted of harassing the head and sentenced to two years' community rehabilitation and told to stay away from school.

Chairman of the bench Keith Stanyard ordered Gatenby to attend an anger management course. He said: "You cannot take a situation like this into your own hands – particularly in a school environment."

Mr Green said: "The whole experience has been horrendous."

In 1996 Thomas Hamilton, 43, killed 16 kids and a teacher at Dunblane Primary School, Scotland.



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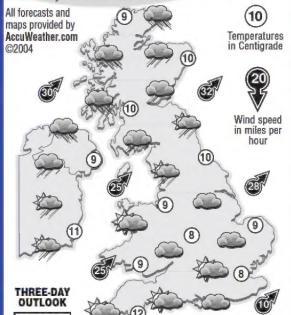
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OUTLOOK: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain across England. Dry over Wales. Windy at times with bright and sunny intervals in the north. Patchy rain in north-west Scotland.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Showers			
Windy			
Euro			

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Canada 2.34 dollars
Cyprus 0.84 pounds
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SATURDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 11 BONUS BALL

7 9 19 23 27 49 1

Three ticket holders share the £3.9m jackpot

EXTRA: 12, 14, 17, 24, 36, 41 T-Ball 2, 11, 13, 18, 26 (T-B 14)

No Extra winners. No T-Ball winner got £250,000 jackpot

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 8 BONUS BALL

11 12 16 26 35 39 34

Two share £3m jackpot

EXTRA: 10, 18, 19, 37, 43, 48 T-Ball 6, 14, 24, 26, 27 (T-B 11)

EURO LOTTO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

1, 3, 13, 16, 43 Lucky Star Numbers 2, 7

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Annie

ON the rare occasions when it snows in Annie Taverner's home town of Colchester, Essex, the 23-year-old blonde babe gets really excited and dashes outside for a snowball fight with her mates. Then she hurriedly runs back inside – to put some clothes on.



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TICKETS TO LEMONY SNICKET PREMIERE

TV host Phillip Schofield stunned This Morning viewers yesterday when he used a kiddies' toy to cop a feel of fellow host Alison Hammond. Phillip, 42, shouted, "Wahay!" as the robotic Hand Of Doom tried to grab her breast.

RUBBER JOHNNY



UGLY MUG: Johnny made movieman's kids laugh at the traffic lights

Vegas gets role in new Depp film by pulling silly faces

CHEEKY comic Johnny Vegas has revealed how he landed his role in Johnny Depp's new movie by pulling daft faces.

The tubby funnyman, 34, is set to become a worldwide star in historical epic *The Libertine*.

But he only got the part of hell-raising nobleman Charles Sackville by cracking up the wife and son of the movie director as they waited at a red traffic light.

The joker noticed the little lad in the car next to his and couldn't resist trying to make him laugh by grimacing and gurning.

And the boy and his mum loved Johnny's hilarious rubber-faced antics so much they urged film-maker Laurence Dunmore to cast him in the movie.

Johnny, voted Britain's funniest man last week by Esquire magazine, said: "I was coming back from Heathrow in a car and we stopped at traffic lights.

"There was a child in the back seat of the next car and I started making funny faces."

"It turned out he was the Laurence Dunmore's son, and his wife, who was in the front of the car and saw me, suggested me for the part." *The Libertine*, due for

■ by IAIN BURCHILL

release early next year, is already being tipped by movie industry insiders to do well at the Oscars.

It stars Hollywood hunk Depp as the sex-mad bisexual poet, the Earl of Rochester.

Depp loved working with Vegas so much that he wants them to team up again in the sequel to the box office smash *Pirates Of The Caribbean*.

Johnny – real name Michael Pennington – needed voice coaching to play Sackville, The Earl of Dorset and Middlesex.

Potato

The St Helens-born star is no stranger to appearing in front of the cameras and shot to fame in the "Monkey" ITV Digital ads, as well as starring in Brit comedies *Sex Lives Of The Potato Men* and *Blackball*.

He will soon be seen playing a slobbish local newspaper reporter in new ITV1 comedy *Dead Man Weds*, alongside Phoenix Nights' Dave Spikey.

And his hectic schedule also includes turning into a TV action man for a daredevil show with Chris Evans.

He will attempt bizarre stunts in the Channel 4 show, including trying to jump over Sexy Beast actor Ray Winstone on a bicycle.

CHRIS'S WEE JOLT

WHO Wants To Be A Millionaire star Chris Tarrant was shocked in the privates after he accidentally urinated on an electric fence.

The quiz show host, 58, says the accident – which happened when he was on a fishing trip with his father – was the most painful thing he has ever experienced.

Speaking yesterday on *Today With Des & Mel*, he said: "It went straight back up Tommy Tinkler and it hit me there. There is no pain ever like it."

BLADE CULTURE: GET IT SORTED Mr BLAIR

Grieving parents' outrage

THE mum of stabbed schoolboy Luke Walmsley last night savaged Tony Blair for "doing nothing" about the rising tide of knife crime.

Tearful Jayne Walmsley was "disgusted" at the Prime Minister's failure to tackle the growing numbers of knifings.

She joined other families at Downing Street yesterday to call for convicted knife-wielding thugs to get a minimum jail sentence of five years. Mrs

■ by MACER HALL, Political Editor

Walmsley's 14-year-old son died after being stabbed at Birkbeck Secondary School in North Somercotes, Lincs., a year ago.

Tears

In an emotional blast at the Government she said: "If it was one of their children I think measures would have been brought in within a year."

Choking back tears she added: "Unless something is done they seem to have no deterrent. Measures have to be put in."

Antoinette Rodney, another bereaved mum, also hit out.

Her 15-year-old son Kieran Rodney-Davis was stabbed to death trying to stop his mobile being stolen in Fulham, west London, last summer.

She said: "This devastated my life, my family's lives. His friends won't go out now as they think they're going to be stabbed."

Last night the Government did promise some

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KNIFE VICTIM: Luke

action. Home Secretary David Blunkett is set to unveil new measures tomorrow, including raising the age limit for buying knives to 18.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "We hear what the relatives say."

"The impact for any relative of this particular form of crime is horrendous and the Government is very conscious of this."

But raising the minimum age is not enough for the bereaved parents.

They want a minimum six months' jail for anyone convicted of carrying a blade over three inches.

Figures from the Victims of Crime Trust show fatal stabbings outnumber gun deaths here by three to one.

Pc Norman Brennan, a director of the Trust, said yesterday: "If the Government doesn't send out a strong message I believe we are going to slip into civil unrest."

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DISTRAUGHT: Luke's mum Jayne is overcome as she speaks yesterday

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BACKING: Luke's parents with Pc Norman Brennan



PURE EVIL: David Bieber

£1m to spring killer

■ by JERRY LAWTON
EVIL cop killer David Bieber has offered £1 million to anyone who can free him from jail.

Security has been tightened around the underworld hitman after prison bosses were tipped off he's planning an escape bid.

Bieber, who's been told he'll die behind bars for gunning down Pc Ian Broadhurst last Boxing Day, has got the word out about his offer.

And he claims he's got the cash stashed in a series of bank accounts in false names which police have been unable to trace.

Prison bosses were alerted to the plot by a fellow inmate.

He claims Bieber, 38, told him: "I'm not rotting in here - I'd rather die trying to get out."

Fled

The gunman, who has underworld connections across Europe and the US, bragged if he could get over the wall, police "wouldn't see him for dust".

Police are taking the threats seriously because he's done it before.

He fled his native US, where he was wanted for the murder of a love rival.

Police believe he has been stockpiling cash while in Britain by being a contract killer.

He was also smuggling weapons and dealing in bodybuilding steroids.

A senior police source said: "He is viewed as the most dangerous prisoner in Britain."

"He has been a serious break-out risk for some time - hence the high level of security around him."

Pensions strike bid

MILLIONS of public sector workers may go on strike over "damaging" pension changes.

The Government wants to raise the retirement age and axe final salary pensions for civil servants.

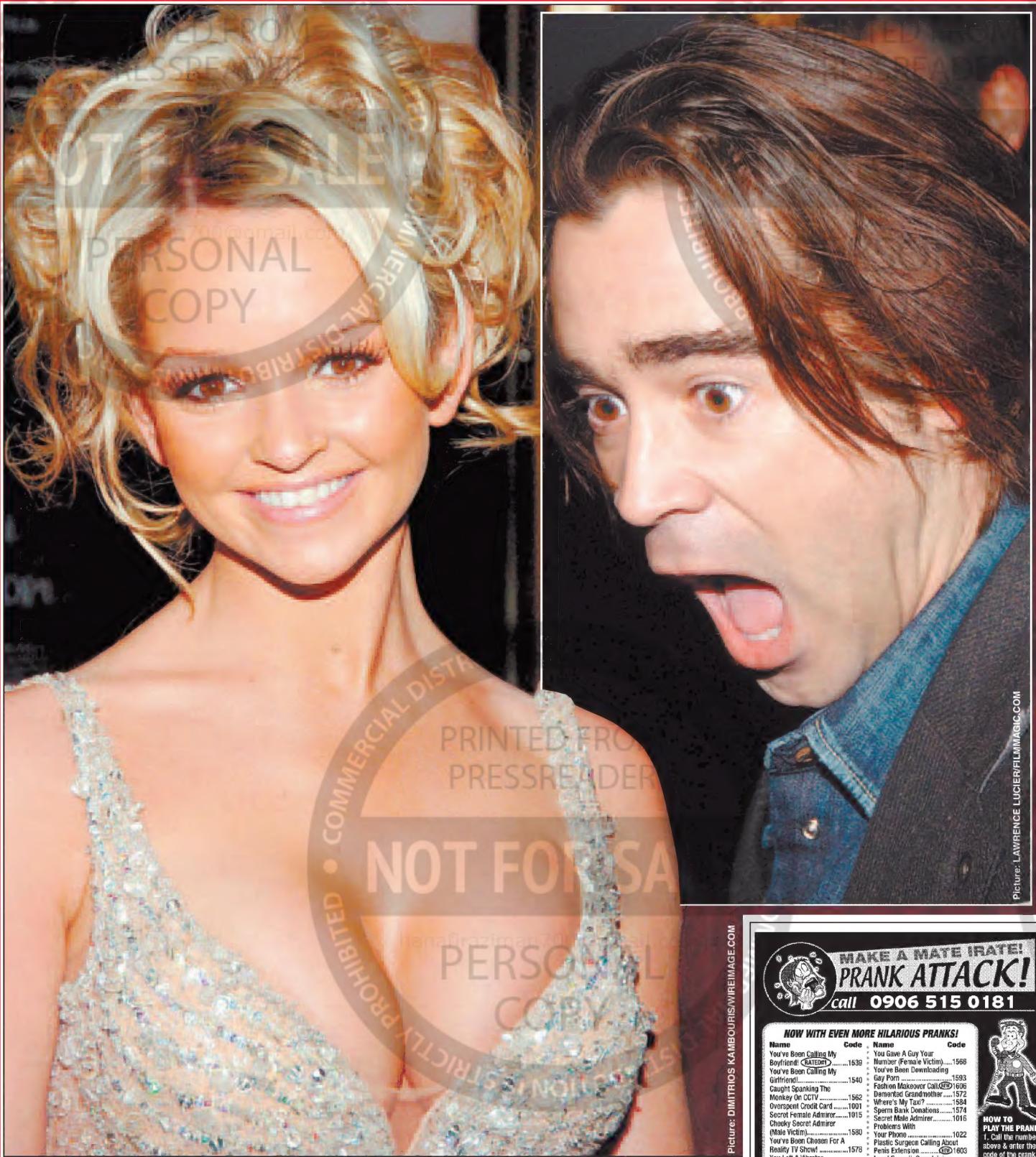
But yesterday at a TUC meeting in London union leaders warned if the plans went ahead the "inevitable" result would be industrial action.

Unions will now seek a meeting with ministers.

But a TUC spokesman said: "If constructive progress is not made, the possibility of industrial action may then arise."

TV TOP DRAWS...

FOOTIE and soap got the top TV figures this year - 20.7m seeing England lose to Portugal in Euro 2004; Corrie's best was 16.2m.



A sight at the Opera

SEXY Jennifer Ellison took America by storm last night as she showed off her Golden Globes at the US premiere of her first movie.

Alexander The Great star Colin Farrell, 28, was just one of many guests gobsmacked by Jen's weapons of mass distraction as she arrived at the New York showing of *The Phantom Of The Opera*. A host of stars turned out for the

■ by PAUL MALLEY

event – but it was the 21-year-old ex-Brookside babe and the plunging neckline of her sexy, sparkling dress that really stole the show.

Jen plays a ballerina in the film version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical.

At last week's London premiere the Liverpool lass wowed the crowd in a spectacular £20,000 frock.

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DVD PIRATES' £1BN BOUNTY

DVD pirates will cost the UK film industry a whopping £1 BILLION a year unless they are properly targeted.

Britain's black market in bootleg DVDs is already worth £500 million – raking in cash for organised crime gangs overseas.

Police and trading standards officers have seized more than three million pirated films this year – but the UK Film Council reckons there are 60m now in circulation.

A report by the council says that tough new measures – including shutting down car boot sales which permit the illegal trade – are the only way to stop pirates pocketing £1bn by 2007.

Mafia

Officials are calling for fraudsters to be hit with massive fines and for video filming in cinemas to be made a criminal offence.

They also believe movie bosses could fight back against the pirates by following the music industry's example.

That's by making more films available for legal

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

downloading on the internet.

Most of the pirate DVDs in the UK are smuggled in from Pakistan, Malaysia and China.

And underworld gangs cashing in on the huge scam include the Russian mafia.

Film Council chief executive John Woodward claims film piracy is "the single largest threat facing the UK film industry today". And he warns that it



could put thousands of jobs at risk.

He said: "We have to act now to tackle this escalating problem. This report represents an important step forward."

"Film pirates are not

harmless Del Boy characters, they are professional criminals with links to organised crime and drugs."

Pirate copies of recent box office hits like The Polar Express, The Incredibles and Bridget

Jones: The Edge of Reason can be bought at around 7,000 markets in the UK.

But Mr Woodward said film fans ultimately got a poor deal because pirate DVDs often have poor sound and picture quality.



VICTIMS OF THE PIRATES:
Bridget Jones,
above, Polar
Express, left, and
The Incredibles



DAILY STAR
says

Bye, bye Blunkett

DAVID Blunkett had another bad day at the office.

His latest setback was a public dressing down from Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott.

Mr Prescott condemned him for being full of "personal arrogance".

The putdown was prompted by Mr Blunkett's recent attack on his Cabinet colleagues.

He slated Mr Prescott, Chancellor Gordon Brown, Education Secretary Charles Clarke and Trade Secretary Patricia Hewitt.

Mr Blunkett may believe he's a cut above the others – but that's not so much arrogance as self-delusion.

The man has nothing to be arrogant about. He's been a disastrous Home Secretary.

During his watch, the immigration system has collapsed into chaos.

Violent crime has soared while thousands of prisoners have been granted an early release from jail.

Now that other Ministers have turned against him, maybe we'll finally get our wish:

And have Mr Blunkett booted out of his job.

Target the knife yobs

JAYNE Walmsley showed tremendous courage yesterday.

Her 14-year-old son Luke was stabbed to death at his school barely a year ago.

But Jayne put her grief to one side to launch a campaign aimed at deterring other similar crimes.

She says she is "disgusted" by Tony Blair's failure to punish youths who carry blades.

Her group Knives Destroy Lives wants an automatic five-year jail term dished out to knife-wielding thugs.

The Government merely promises to raise the age at which youngsters can buy knives from 16 to 18.

What a weak response that is to the stabbings of Luke and other youngsters.

Jayne's heartfelt plea has our total support.

Don't be sty

REBECCA Loos has landed a job as a TV agony aunt.

But who's going to turn to her for sex advice? After seeing her performance on The Farm she'll probably get a call from that pig.



SENT HOME: Darren Plumb

Dying patient probe

■ by JAMES INGHAM
A PROBE has been launched after a dying man was turned away from hospital.

Father-of-one Darren Plumb, 27, who had pneumonia, died in his girlfriend's arms two hours later.

He had suffered for three weeks during which time several doctors failed to diagnose his illness.

His distraught family now want answers from Airedale Hospital in Keighley, West Yorks, claiming Darren was let down by the health system.

Pains

Darren, from Keighley, had been seen several times by his GP before his death for wheezing and chest pains and had been to the hospital twice.

His partner Kelly Green, 23, said yesterday: "Darren was so poorly they should have kept him in. He might have died anyway, but we will never know."

Lyn Wilkinson, acting chief exec of Airedale Primary Care Trust, said yesterday: "We would like to assure everyone we are taking this incident extremely seriously."

"We have already started an internal investigation."

■ SIX million UK households believe the BBC is not worth the £121-a-year licence fee, former chairman Gavyn Davies revealed yesterday. He warned that more needs to be done to win them over or the funding of the BBC is in danger.

HUNT FANS' VOW

EIGHT pro-hunt activists are to fight charges of disorderly conduct in the Commons during a debate on a bill to ban the sport.

ILLEGALS' £150 TICKET TAKES US FOR A RIDE

The ring of truth

■ TENNIS babe Anna Kournikova yesterday dropped the biggest hint yet that she is married to Latin hunk Enrique Iglesias – seven months after the Daily Star revealed they were wed.

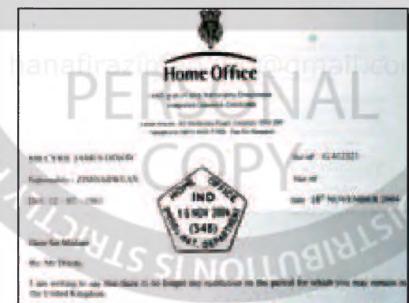
Anna, 23, was pictured at a charity tennis event in Florida wearing a stunning ring on her wedding finger, below right.

And when asked when she was going to tie the knot, the Russian babe replied: "What makes you think I haven't?"

We revealed in May, below, how Anna and pop star Enrique, 29, had their honeymoon on the island of Bali.

Picture: JASON FRASER

KOURNI WEDS ENRIQUE



MEAL TICKET: The £150 right to stay forgery

DAILY STAR INVESTIGATION

■ by JOHN McJANNET
THOUSANDS of illegal immigrants are buying a new life in Britain for as little as £150 a time.

Overseas visitors come into the country on temporary visas then pay criminals to forge documents that let them stay permanently.

They are guaranteed many of the benefits of citizenship by snapping up bogus passports, National Insurance cards and Home Office "leave to remain" letters.

The "pay to stay" scam was revealed by a Daily Star investigation into a Ghanaian printer who forges a full range of papers from the garage of his suburban semi.

The 34-year-old took less than one hour to make a Home Office letter which would let the holder get a job here and slip in and out of the country.

His £150 document had an official stamp and an immigration officer's identification number.

Offers

The father-of-two, of Milton Keynes, Bucks, offers fake passports for £500 and National Insurance cards for £250.

An associate said: "He says he has made this document and that document for lots and lots of people."

John Tinsey of the Immigration Service Union said: "This kind of fraud is widespread."

"It is particularly common in the Zimbabwean communities here."

Martin Pickett, of the Immigration Advisory Service, said: "These sorts of papers are very useful when the holder goes for a



COINING IT: The forger

job. By law, employers have to satisfy themselves that anyone applying is legally allowed to stay here.

"However, they are not required to be able to spot forgeries."

Immigration sources say the problem of illegals using fake documents to find work is enormous.

The Daily Star has agreed to make the results of its investigation available to the authorities.

A Home Office spokeswoman said: "The forgery of immigration documents is a very serious offence."

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Shar's Fed up

HEARTBROKEN actress Shar Jackson, 28, has turned to God to ease the pain of losing Kevin Federline, 26, to Britney Spears. But she's still planning to get her revenge by starring in a reality show – and Britney, 22, will have to reluctantly appear in family scenes.

A source said: "The cameras will be rolling when she takes their kids over to him at Britney's house."

BIG BROTHER WANTS BAD BOY BOSNICH

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

DRUG-shame footie star Mark Bosnich is set to follow ex-lover Sophie Anderton on to reality TV.

Bosses at Celebrity Big Brother have approached the ex-Chelsea goalie – sacked from the club over his £2,000-a-week cocaine habit – for the next series that is due to hit our telly screens on January 6.

But Mark, 32, who admitted last month that he still has "occasional slip-ups" in his battle to beat drugs, will have to show the same iron will as jungle beauty Sophie, 27, if he wants to survive two weeks holed up in the BB house.

Big Brother producers have approached the bad boy of football in the hope that he will be able to spice things up when the "bigger badder" series starts.

A show insider said: "Mark's had a rough time of it. But celebs who've found things hard on the outside often get a lot out of going on the show."

"There's time to think about things and take stock. Whereas the ones who seem fine on the outside often have trouble inside – like Les Dennis."

But Bosnich, who took

part in Sky's reality show *The Match* earlier this year, is still keeping his options open.

Mark was sacked from his £42,000-a-week job at Chelsea after becoming the first ever Premiership player to test positive for a Class A drug in December 2002.

Wagon

And last month he admitted to Australia's SBS channel that he still falls off the white-powder wagon.

"There was a stage where I got up to 10 grammes of cocaine a day when I was really down in the dumps," he said.

"I basically have got it kicked, but I have my occasional slip-ups."

"I'm not actually going to sit there and say I've totally kicked the habit."

"But I'm fit and as healthy as I can be – I'm very lucky to say that."

HEALTHY GOAL: For footballer Mark Bosnich



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CLASH: Host Kate and Simon

Kate could face the X-it

■ EXCLUSIVE by NIGEL PAULEY
KATE Thornton fears she's going to be the ex-host of *X-Factor* ... after a furious bust-up with Simon Cowell.

The 33-year-old blonde believes she won't be invited back to front the next series.

As well as being a judge, Cowell was co-creator and co-producer of the show.

Sources claim Kate was near to tears after she and Simon, 45, exchanged angry words during rehearsals for Saturday's final.

An insider revealed: "There was a lot of noise and the judges were wittering away."

"Kate told them to shut up as she couldn't hear herself think but Simon snapped back and gave her a ticking off!"

ITV1 chiefs plan a new series of the show, won by Steve Brookstein, 36, next September.

WINNER STEVE BOOED **hot** **EXCLUSIVE** **Pages 18&19**

Jezza drives into big trouble

■ by TOM FORD

TOP Gear host Jeremy Clarkson is in deep trouble after road safety groups slammed him for blatantly breaking the law on TV.

The acid-tongued petrol-head was seen driving a second-hand Porsche 928 in a tongue-in-cheek London to Brighton run.

But Clarkson admitted the car had at least three faults – each punishable with £1,000 fines and three penalty points.

Clarkson had bought the burgundy Y-reg car for £1,500 in challenge against his co-presenters.

But his death trap motor broke down five times on its way to the coast.

Clarkson admitted it was belching illegal levels of fumes from the exhaust, had a broken speedometer and a windscreen washer did not work.

Lunacy

Now safety campaigners are demanding action should be taken.

Labour MP Andrew Miller, Patron of Roadpeace, the charity that helps the families of road accident victims, wants Clarkson prosecuted.

Ellesmere Port MP Mr Miller said: "It is utter lunacy for Jeremy Clarkson to go out of his way to promote bad driving."

"This must be heavily condemned."

"I'm not against people enjoying driving but what I am against is Jeremy Clarkson turning our motorways into playgrounds."

Princess puts her foot in it

PRINCESS Michael of Kent has branded the Queen a "midget", according to reports in the States.

The royal – dubbed "Pushy" – is said to have told friends that the reason HRH does not like her is because she is so much taller.

Celebrity columnist Cindy Adams claims the Princess said: "The Queen doesn't like me. That's because she's a midget and I'm six feet tall."

Adams said: "She is on record and I quote sources close to the royals."

Last month the Princess, 59, whose husband is a cousin of the Queen, astonished her posh pals by e-mailing them a smutty video.

THE MONEY PITT

OCEAN'S Twelve, starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt, is No.1 in the US after taking £21.3 million (\$40.9m) in its first weekend.

ON THE PULL, LADS?

Remember, Kat types are only for Xmas...not for life



OOZING SEX:
EastEnder
Kat Slater
is just the type
of goer
the lads should
look out for

■ by ELIZABETH JAMES

A RANDY lad's best bet for a Sexmas one-night stand will be in her mid-30s, wearing sexy gear and will probably be married or divorced.

The lasses who lust will also dye their hair, wear lots of make-up and flash legs in short skirts or bobs in tight trousers.

And if alcohol's been taken, they're 90% certain to slip between the sheets.

Tart

All-in-all, lads, you're looking for someone like Kat Slater from EastEnders – the tart with a heart.

A survey commissioned for a men's interest website questioned 4,000 fellas and girls about having sex in the party season.

And it observed: "Guys will think they are seducing a woman when, in fact, she is the one who wants sex the most."

Researchers identified four types of women who were likely to indulge in spur-of-the-moment combo nookie.

They are the Predator; Miss Lonely; Hen Party Babes and The Sexplorers.

Here we give you a guide to your chances with each.



WILD KAT: Ms Slater beds Alfie in EastEnders

THE PREDATOR

■ THE Predator came out TOPS because she's looking for no-strings sex anyway. Most predators are 30-somethings and 40-somethings who are married, divorced, or separated. They're proud of their bodies and want to show them off.

The report noted: "In a bar, a female predator will keep brushing past her target and mak-

ing sexy eye contact. She'll do the same in the office, repeatedly leaving her desk to run 'errands' so the man of her desires will get an eye-full of her charms."

But lads do need to be good-looking and fit to score.

The study went on: "She is often quite direct and out to enjoy life and have a good time with younger men who still desire her."

MISS LONELY

■ MISS Lonely This Christmas is another good bet for a festive frolic.

She's normally in her 20s, coming out of a relationship, or an older man's mistress who won't be spending the festive season with him.

Many women said they'd had consolation sex at Christmas because they'd split with boyfriends or husbands, and some younger

mistresses said they'd enjoyed "revenge" sex to get back at lovers spending Xmas with wives and family.

The report noted: "Miss Lonely's friends are probably encouraging her to get what's-his-name off her mind."

But perseverance is the watchword. Six out of 10 members of the Miss Lonely brigade said they'd found themselves in bed with a stranger at Yuletide.

HEN PARTY BABES

■ DESPITE the cold weather there are always plenty of Christmas weddings. And the combination of Yuletide goodwill, alcohol and a hen party makes for almost certain sex success.

Six out of 10 young women, including some brazen brides, said they had found themselves between the sheets with a NEW partner when Christmas goodwill and last-fling fun coincided.

SEXPLORERS

■ SEXPLORERS will also be out and about this Christmas.

These will be younger more inexperienced gals in their early 20s, looking to extend their sexual repertoire.

Gays often find them at university end-of-term bashes, nightclubs and other events. The poll noted: "She

is possibly a college girl who has left the nest, looking to discover her sexuality.

At least 70% of these women will be open to a Christmas one-night stand.

That's as long as the guy has the nous to suggest he can show her new things in the bedroom.

DEAR Esther

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Dear Dr Rebecca, how would YOU save the Beckham marriage? (CONSIDERING YOU HELPED WRECK IT!)

EXCLUSIVE

■ by NIGEL PAULEY
SLEAZY **senorita**
Rebecca Loos has landed a new TV role as an agony aunt to people looking for love.

The woman whose fling with David Beckham pushed his marriage to breaking point will now give advice to those desperate for a relationship.

Rebecca, 27, starts her new career tonight as Dr Date, chatting and even flirting with lonely viewers.

But just months ago her affair left Beckham battling to save his marriage to 30-year-old Victoria.

Rebecca's career has blossomed after her kiss-and-tell story.

The England captain's former PA made a reputed £1million from a telly interview about her fling.

She has also appeared in Sky One's Dream Team and in Five's reality show The Farm.

She will be Dr Date on Sky's interactive entertainment service Sky Active.

Dilemmas

Rebecca said: "I'm looking forward to receiving a flurry of TV e-mails from viewers about dating dilemmas."

Top publicist Max Clifford, who represents Rebecca, reckons Beckham has only himself to blame for his marriage woes.

The PR guru will tell a telly show this Sunday that the England captain is merely paying the price of playing away.

Clifford admits on Sky One's Who Are the Beckhams? that he has made a lot of money out of Becks' alleged affairs.

But asked about the Beckhams moaning about people like Rebecca making money out of them, he replies: "They do have a point, but it's a pretty lame point."

"It's like saying: 'Oh dear, I've been out in the rain and I got wet. I don't like getting wet.'

"If you're a star in the public eye that makes fortunes out of being a star, endorsements, advertising, sponsorships etc then you are aware that the very media that feeds you can also devour you."

REPAIRS to vandals waxwork doubles of Posh as the Virgin Mary and Becks as Joseph will run into thousands, it was revealed yesterday.

The controversial £120,000 nativity figures at Madame Tussaud's in London, were pushed over in front of staff by a man who fled.

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MINX MEDICINE:
 'Dr Date'
 Rebecca and,
 left, the
 Beckhams



WHAT SUP: Beer wars
Cheap booze battle

DRINKERS are deserting the pub and boozing at home because supermarkets have cut prices so much.

Bottles of lager costing as little as 33p are encouraging Brits to stay at home and enjoy their favourite tipple in front of the telly.

A pint of beer at home now costs £1.08 less than the average charged for a pint in the pub, according to the survey by trade magazine The Grocer.

It says that the total off-trade alcohol market is now worth just under £11 billion – a rise of 3% on last year.

But brewers have accused supermarket giant Sainsbury's of "destabilising" the beer market after it slashed prices to as low as 33p a bottle to boost trade in the run-up to Christmas.

The supermarket replied that it was "constantly striving to provide excellent value".

SOARING credit card debt could send the economy into meltdown, the Bank of England warned yesterday, as household debt hit the £1 billion mark for the first time. That means every man, woman and child in Britain owes an average of £17,000.

FATHERS' XMAS

A FATHERS 4 Justice protester dressed as Santa climbed a huge Ferris wheel in Manchester city centre yesterday.

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FURY OVER KINKY SEX GUIDE FOR KIDS OF 13

ANGRY parents and teachers last night blasted a book that tells kids how to have oral sex.

The explicit manual lists 14 sex acts for pupils as young as 13 to try as part of safe-sex lessons.

Teachers called the book "disturbing", while family campaigners said it could lead to unprotected sex.

They are worried this could lead to emotional harm, the spread of disease and pregnancies among the young.

Ironically, the sex-guide is called Infection Protection. It is produced by the

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

Government-funded Brook Advisory Centre and thousands have already been distributed to schools around the country. Director of Family and Youth Concern, Norman Wells, said: "The vast majority of parents would be appalled by this."

Dirty

Masturbation, taking baths together, heavy petting and even talking dirty are listed as alternatives to full sex.

Brook's chief executive Jan Barlow said the book would help youngsters "protect themselves" from sex diseases.

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How Geri annoying

GERI Halliwell looked gutted when she opened her front door to find her classic Mercedes Benz had been clamped. The ex-Spice Girl, 32, fell foul of traffic wardens after parking on a yellow line near her west London home.

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DESPAIR: Paul Burrell

Burrell close to suicide

FORMER Royal butler Paul Burrell contemplated suicide at the height of his Princess Diana court case.

He revealed he was so depressed he considered taking his own life.

Burrell admitted: "I was going to take a very selfish path and decide that I just didn't want to go on."

"I was at the very bottom of the bucket. Where do you go, who do you turn to when you see your world being turned inside out in public?"

Helpless

Burrell, 46, who came second on I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, claims he was driven to the depths of despair because he could not support his wife Maria and sons Alexander and Nicholas.

He recalled: "You try to look after your own, but I was helpless."

"No money was coming in, we couldn't pay our mortgage. We relied on handouts."

He claims this is why he went back on his word and wrote his controversial book, A Royal Duty.

BONFIRE Vanities author Tom Wolfe has landed one of the most dreaded prizes in literature - the Bad Sex award. American Wolfe is this year's winner for latest novel I Am Charlotte Simmons. Judges said his sex descriptions were "ghastly... inapt... unrealistic".

Petrol is so cheap

A TINY petrol station is taking on the big boys and winning by selling the cheapest fuel in Britain.

Supermarket giants like Tesco and Sainsbury's are fighting a Christmas price war after slashing the cost of an unleaded litre to a fraction below 80p.

But bosses at the One Stop independent filling station in Chorlton, Manchester, can't top up tanks quickly enough after hammering down their price to just 75.9p a litre.

And a spokesman insisted the major players won't be able to match them.

He said: "Nobody can possibly catch up. We have been asked how we do it. Well, that is personal."

SITE DEATHS CALL

MPS have called for random safety checks on building sites after learning one in three workplace deaths happen there.

CELEB LAWYER GETS COP OFF DRINK RAP



Photo: BIGPICTURES

Keanu Reeves it up...

SPEED star Keanu Reeves looks more like Great Escape actor Steve McQueen than bullet-dodging Neo from the Matrix trilogy.

Hunky Keanu, 40, kept his trademark shades on for his trip through Hollywood but had ditched his famous Matrix leathers – and his socks – for the journey.

But the heart-throb was still sitting pretty on the back of his Norton when he went for a ride.



■ by JOHN MAHONEY

FURY erupted last night after celebrities' lawyer dubbed "Mr Loophole" got a senior policeman off a drink-drive charge on a technicality.

Inspector Christopher Cropper, 48, was accused of driving while over the limit after arriving at his station smelling of alcohol, a court was told.

But he escaped punishment yesterday after Nick Freeman – who has got big names like Sir Alex Ferguson, David Beckham, Wayne Rooney, Colin Montgomerie and Ronnie O'Sullivan off charges – highlighted glaring errors in police procedures.

That forced magistrates to drop the case, allowing Insp Cropper to prepare to return to work with Greater Manchester Police and raising fury among anti-drink drive groups.

Costs

The blunders by officers included quizzing Mr Cropper without reading him his rights.

Magistrates who threw out the case also ordered that Cropper's undisclosed costs – believed to run into thousands of pounds – will be paid by the taxpayer.

Mike Jobbins, chairman of the Campaign Against Drink Driving, said: "How can the police talk about sending out a tough anti-drink drive message at Christmas when they can't even properly put together a case against one of their own?"

"They couldn't even follow the basic rules to allow him to face justice. It's a disgrace."

Lisa Boocock, prosecuting, said Cropper arrived for work at Cheadle Hulme station, near Stockport, last December after he had been drinking.

The court heard that a blood sample gave a reading of 68mg per 100ml of blood. The legal limit is 80.

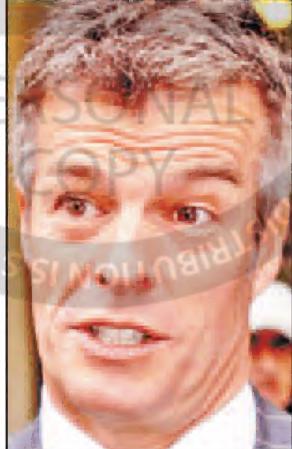
But a "back calculation" had revealed a minimum limit of 113mg – around one-and-a-half times the drink-drive limit.

Case for defence

NICK Freeman, 47, works 90 hours a week to help his rich clients win cases.

Sir Alex Ferguson was cleared of driving on a motorway hard shoulder after Freeman told JPs he needed to use the toilet.

David Beckham overturned a speeding ban after Mr Freeman claimed he was being hounded by a photographer at the time.



MR LOOPHOLE: Nick Freeman

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THERE are plenty of ways of attracting attention, and **Pamela Anderson** knows how better than most. The 37-year-old turned heads and caused chaos when she embarked on a shopping spree with **Paris Hilton**, 23, wearing a little grey dress before pulling up her skirt and revealing her knickers. One onlooker outside the Planet Blue boutique in Malibu, California, said: "Pam noticed the photographers and played up to the cameras." Like you do.

IT'S going to be a quiet time for EastEnders actor **Chris Parker** and his pals over Christmas – they are planning to have a two-week break in the Algarve. A pal close to Chris – who plays **Spencer Moon** – said: "Chris deserves a holiday after all the pressure he has been under. We're hoping to get away with him which can only do him good."

COL'S ON THE TOWN

COLEEN McLoughlin certainly knows how to spend a quiet Sunday – Footballer's Wives-style!

The Liverpool lass took advantage of the weekly day of rest and went out to spend more of boyfriend **Wayne Rooney**'s money at Liverpool's Baby Blue bar.

Col and one of her best mates tucked into bottles of Cristal champagne which cost her – or should we say him? – £275 a pop.

He's slept with a prostitute and isn't not exactly a looker – so why is Coleen still with Wayne?

No answers on a postcard, please.



Picture: DAVID RICHARD

KISS n' tell sado **Natalie Denning** stormed out of a London nightclub at the weekend because none of the men were paying her any attention. The 21-year-old wannabe model, who has slept with half of the London celeb circuit, thought she was about to get lucky when she walked into Leicester Square's Rococo club to find the entire Leeds United squad holding their Christmas bash which was kindly arranged by party specialists Jam Management. But her smile soon turned to tears as the footballers – including former QPR hunk **Clarke Carlisle**, 25, and his cute teammate **David Healy**, also 25 – blanked the bimbo. We guess they must be out of your league, Nat.

HUSH HUSH

WHICH Premiership footballer regularly sends girls pictures of his tackle? The man in question sees numerous ladies behind his girlfriend's back but he isn't too fussy about who he gets the defender bombarded a girl he had never even met with his sordid photos.

SPOTTED

IN London: **Leslie Ash** and **Lee Chapman** eating in the St Gerrard restaurant, Wandsworth, **Darius Danesh** quaffing champagne in Tryst nightclub, Chelsea; in Manchester: **Gary Neville** looking at suits in Selfridges, Trafford Centre and **Nikki Sanderson** dancing in the Living Room.

Picture: LANDMARK

With KATIE HIND, LEIGH PURVES and AMY WATTS

THE GOSS

PETER'S £80K XMAS SPLASH

Jordan's guy pays to fly family in from Oz

CARING Peter Andre is determined his family will celebrate Christmas in true Brit style with his fiancée Kate Price.

So he has forked out more than £80,000 to fly them over from Australia for some festive fun next week.

And the Insania-singing pop pin-up – who's been dating the busty blonde model since meeting her during the third series of *I'm A Celeb* – has hired half a plane.

An Andre insider revealed:

"Peter wanted his folks to enjoy Christmas with Kate – aka **Jordan** – her family and her son Harvey, so he thought he would splash out on flying them over here."

"They are due to leave Sydney next week."

Turkey

"He is planning to fly 10 of his close family and friends over for the occasion and has also hired a local Brighton catering company to provide turkey and all the trimmings at the house he shares with Kate in Sussex."

"They are inviting Kate's close

family and friends as well – so in total there will be 25 guests."

"Kate and Peter have even offered to organise an evening where they will all play traditional games such as charades."

"Peter is excited as he and Kate will also team up together and sing medley of songs as a bit of fun."

Aussie Pete, 31, is helping 26-year-old Kate by giving her singing lessons as she is determined to switch careers

from a model into a pop star. Our perfectly-

placed source added: "Peter and Kate get on so well – as partners and professionally as well."

"They both have a lot of respect for one another and that is a real factor in their relationship."

"Each of their families have met before but this is the first Christmas they will have spent together."

"They just want to have an amazing, special time together and enjoy themselves."

And knowing Peter and Kate, we're sure that's something they'll manage to do – just spare us the full details, eh folks!

SIENNA IS A LAW OF HER OWN

LITTLE wonder Sienna Miller is smiling – she's not hanging off her boyfriend **Dave "Jude" Law**'s arm for a change. The 22-year-old Alfie star left England behind for Hollywood where she turned up at an awards ceremony looking happy.

Dressed in black leather, the Layer Cake star looked every inch the future megastar – proving you CAN take the girl out of trendy north London.



COMIC **Jimmy Carr** reckons he'll age gracefully. The smart 31-year-old comedian, who always dons a tailored suit and sensible haircut, admitted he sticks with his classic appearance because it will see him all the way through to old age.

He said: "I'll grow old effortlessly – I won't even have to change my haircut. I'm going to look exactly the same when I'm 50. I might even start Limping with the **Bizkit** and wearing Stussy or something like that – but I doubt it."

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?